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Foreign Patent Documents

1. European Publication No. EP 0872266 A1, to Sega Enterprises, Ltd., published on October 21, 1998; and
2. European Publication No. EP 1029569 A2, to Sega Enterprises, Ltd., published on August 23, 2000.

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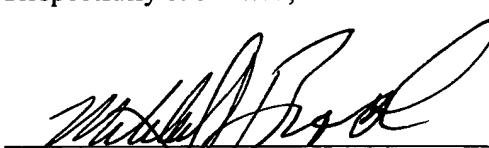
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